

LCA Cheatsheet

Setup - Runs in $O(N \cdot \log N)$:

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// fill parent[i] with the parent of node i. The parent of the root should be itself.  
// fill depth[i] with the depth of node i
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for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {  
    ancestor[i][0] = parent[i];  
}  
  
for (int k = 0; k < 17; k++) { // Replace 17 with log base2 of N  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {  
        ancestor[i][k+1] = ancestor[ancestor[i][k]][k];  
    }  
}
```

LCA Function - Runs in $O(\log N)$:

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int LCA(int A, int B) {  
    if (dep[A] > dep[B]) {  
        swap(A, B); // in Java replace this with code to swap A and B  
    }  
    int d = dep[B] - dep[A];  
    for (int i = 0; i < 17; i++) {  
        if (d & (1 << i)) {  
            B = ancestor[B][i];  
        }  
    }  
    if (A == B) {  
        return A;  
    }  
  
    for (int i = 16; i >= 0; i--) {  
        if (ancestor[A][i] != ancestor[B][i]) {  
            A = ancestor[A][i];  
            B = ancestor[B][i];  
        }  
    }  
    return parent[A];  
}
```